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GENERAL: Another week of good fall harvest weather conditions allowed continued excellent harvest progress, according to the USDA’s Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. While some producers were waiting for further “field drydown” of crops, others were harvesting at a near normal pace. Harvest of soybeans was occurring at a faster pace than corn harvest. Other producer activities included artificial drying of corn, alfalfa harvest, and seeding wheat.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

WEATHER: Temperatures last week averaged within a degree or two of normals across the State. Precipitation was statewide but light with no stations reporting over .80 inch of rainfall for the week.

CROPS: **Corn** condition rated 4% very poor, 8 poor, 22 fair, 43 good, and 23 excellent. Irrigated corn was 81% good to excellent while dryland corn rated 46% good to excellent. The crop rated mature on 90% of the acreage, compared to 100 last year and 94 average. Harvest progressed to 18% combined to date, this compared with 64 last year and 30 average.

Soybean condition rated 5% very poor, 10 poor, 32 fair, 40 good, and 13 excellent. Leaves were dropping on 97% of the acreage which compares with 100 last year and 98 average. Harvest progressed to 37% combined, compared to 62 last year and 44 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2% very poor, 9 poor, 37 fair, 39 good, and 13 excellent. Ninety-one percent was mature, compared with 99 last year and 88 average. Harvest continued last week with 18% cut to date, compared to 72 last year and 25 average.

The **dry bean** harvest was complete on 86% of the acreage, compared to 86 last year and 89 average. **Millet** harvest progressed to 92% combined, compared with 98 last year. **Wheat** seeding was 93% complete, compared with 92 last year and 93 average. Sixty-eight percent had emerged, compared with 63 last year and 67 average.

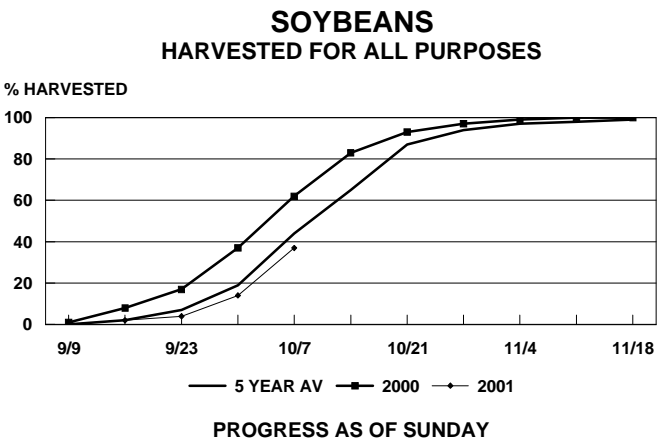
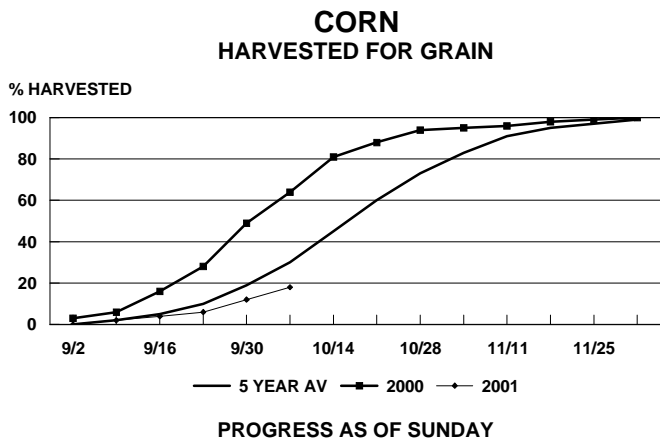
Fourth cutting **alfalfa** was 80% harvested, compared to 87 last year and 75 average. Condition rated 5% very poor, 16 poor, 33 fair, 40 good, and 6 excellent.

Pasture and range condition rated 8% very poor, 18 poor, 36 fair, 34 good, and 4 excellent.

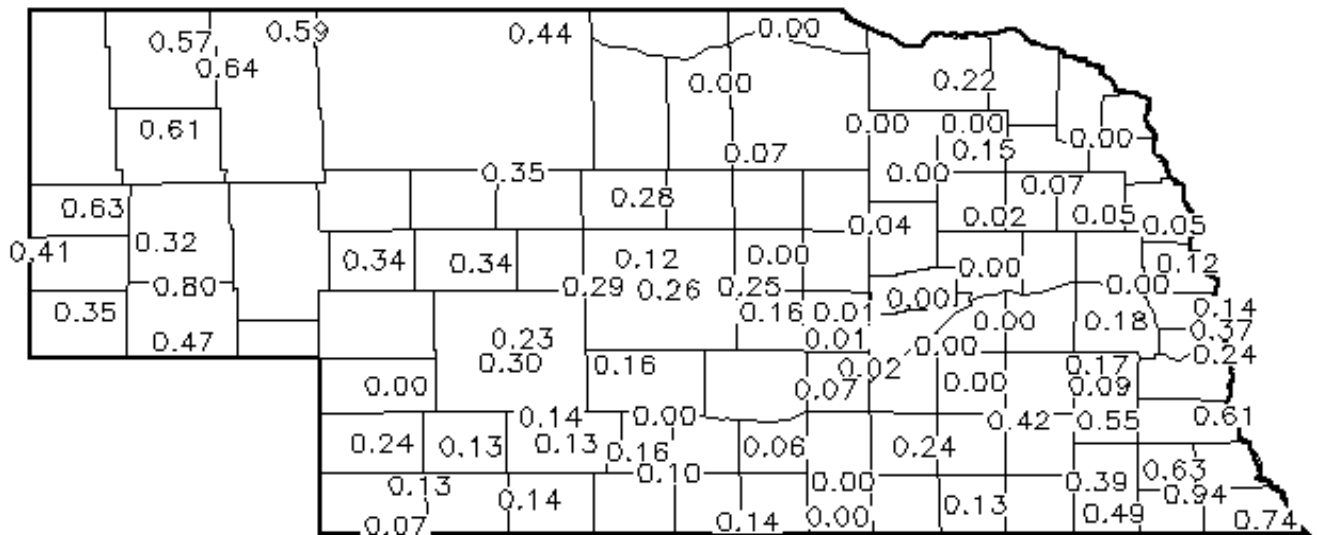
PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS, NEBRASKA, AS OF OCTOBER 7, 2001

ITEM	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Mature	78	93	86	96	93	77	99	94	90	85	100	94
% Corn Harvested	6	12	8	21	28	16	16	18	18	12	64	30
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves	n/a	98	98	99	95	99	98	98	97	89	100	98
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	24	27	60	45	56	60	31	37	14	62	44
% Sorghum Mature	n/a	95	94	91	90	83	95	92	91	79	99	88
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	10	19	15	24	26	11	17	18	10	72	25
% Wheat seeded	97	99	80	71	85	94	94	79	93	80	92	93
% Wheat Emerged	81	83	65	30	29	68	62	44	68	46	63	67
% Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	61	75	77	92	84	87	94	77	80	73	87	75
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.1	5.6	5.6	6.2	5.9	5.8	6.1	4.6	5.6	6.4	6.0	
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	9	20	0	2	10	2	15	0	9	6	50	
- % Short	41	32	15	28	33	8	5	8	25	21	35	
- % Adequate	50	45	85	70	55	82	80	91	64	69	15	
- % Surplus	0	3	0	0	2	8	0	1	2	4	0	
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	11	24	1	6	30	7	16	2	14	11	78	
- % Short	43	33	26	39	36	34	28	32	35	29	18	
- % Adequate	46	43	73	54	33	58	56	66	51	59	4	
- % Surplus	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	

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PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 2001¹



Item	Precipitation, Nebraska, April 1 - October 7, 2001 ¹							
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.55	.17	.05	.11	.14	.13	.09	.55
Total since April 1	13.53	20.26	25.81	19.47	21.97	15.96	21.08	30.82
Normal since April 1	13.26	17.13	19.82	18.73	21.70	15.89	18.78	22.76
Total as % of normal	101%	118%	130%	104%	101%	100%	112%	134%

¹ Source: High Plains Climate Center preliminary data as of 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

TEMPERATURE DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2001

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Mean	Departure
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	87	24	52	---
	Scottsbluff	86	26	53	-2
	Sidney	86	28	53	---
NC	Valentine	88	24	54	-1
NE	Norfolk	91	26	58	+1
	Sioux City	90	23	56	-1
CEN	Grand Island	88	32	58	0
	Ord	88	25	55	---
EC	Lincoln	86	30	58	-1
	Omaha	85	31	59	0
SW	Imperial	89	29	57	---
	North Platte	85	29	54	-1

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